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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

i. Statement Novelty (N) YES Claims 1-35 Claims NO Inventive step (IS) YES Claims 1-35 Claims NO Industrial applicability (IA) Claims 1-35 YES Claims NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following international search citations have been considered for the purposes of this statement:

D1: CA 2136778 A1 (CAMPACCI et al)

D2: DE 3206163 A1 (KECK)

D3: FR 2378143 A (GENERALE DE TRAVAUX DU BATIMENT)

D4: AU 3504/26 A (MILLER) D5: US 4615162 A (EVANS)

New Citation:

D6: US 4735027 A (EVANS et al)

None of the cited prior art discloses the combination of the steps defined in claim 1, particularly steps (iii) and (iv), which are not disclosed in the prior art in the context of off-stud joining of sheets prior to rendering.